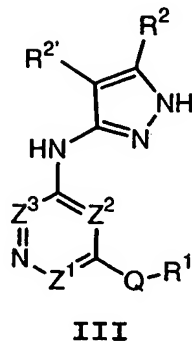


Abstract

This invention describes novel pyrazole compounds of formula **III**:



wherein  $Z^1$ ,  $Z^2$ , and  $Z^3$  are as described in the specification; Q is -S-, -O-, -N(R<sup>4</sup>)-, or -CH(R<sup>6</sup>)-; R<sup>1</sup> is T-Ring D, wherein Ring D is a 5-7 membered monocyclic ring or 8-10 membered bicyclic ring selected from aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl or carbocyclyl; and R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>2'</sup> are as described in the specification. The compounds are useful as protein kinase inhibitors, especially as inhibitors of Aurora-2 and GSK-3, for treating diseases such as cancer, diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.